

THE CONNECTION

November 2021

*Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good.*



*Connecting God's People
Through Love*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Elijah's Closet 10-2	6 Elijah's Closet 10-2
7 24 th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 AM Communion	8	9	10	11 Trustee's Mtg. 4 PM	12 Elijah's Closet Closed	13 Elijah's Closet Closed
14 25 th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 AM Deacons Mtg. after church in the Parlor	15	16	17	18	19 Elijah's Closet 10-2 Christmas Sale Prudential Board Mtg 3:30 via Zoom	20 Elijah's Closet 10-2 Christmas Sale Pie 0& Quiche Sale
21 26 th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 AM	22	23	24	25	26 Elijah's Closet 10-2 Christmas Sale	27 Elijah's Closet 10-2 Christmas Sale
28 27 th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 AM	29 Church in Society Mtg. 6:30 at Church	30				

Revised Common Lectionary

The readings used at our weekly worship service and in most Mainline Protestant Churches and in Roman Catholic Churches are from a list of assigned readings known as The New Revised Common Lectionary. In our Congregational tradition, pastors are encouraged to use the assigned readings but it is not mandatory.

I personally prefer to follow the readings and I mainly focus on the Gospel lessons for my meditation. It gives me and you a structure through which we can study and learn from the teachings of the scripture of the Word (Logos) of God in our midst.

The readings for November: (You are encouraged to read them as well)

Date	1 st Reading and Psalm	Alternate 1 st Reading and Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
October 3, 2021	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
October 10, 2021	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
October 17, 2021	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
October 24, 2021	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
October 31, 2021	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146	Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Psalm 119:1-8	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34

MODERATORS MESSAGE

Our Prudential Board meeting held on Friday, October 15th was full of discussion and decisions that you will be hearing more about in the very near future.

- The Trustees have met and worked diligently to develop a **2022 budget**. Watch for more information on next year's budget coming to you soon.
- Along with next year's budget comes the **Stewardship Campaign**. Again, watch your email or mail for more information. Our hope is that we will continue to give so we can continue the vibrancy of this church. This will be a critical year for our church.
- A **Nominating Committee**, made up of Janet Brienza, Donna Thomson, and Rosemarie Tiesler will be meeting soon to begin filling vacant positions in our leadership and committees. Please seriously consider their request when they call you.
- The second round of **Payroll Protection** funds we received from the Small Business Administration, through Wayne Bank, has been forgiven.

- A **Congregational Meeting** will be scheduled soon to bring everyone together to discuss church development. When notified, please make every effort to attend – your opinions and input are very important.
- Included in this newsletter is an updated **Phone Chain** to be used when important information needs to be shared.
- A special shout out to the **Christian Education Committee** who are again offering Sunday School each Sunday.
- Pastor Janet attended the **Walton Ministerial Association** meeting on October 14th. Highlights from that meeting include:
 - The **Walk for Hunger** raised over \$5,000 and was largely supported by Delaware Valley Hospital and Wayne Bank. Next year the event is scheduled for September 27, 2022 at Veteran's Plaza.
 - It has been decided that the 2021 **Thanksgiving Dinner** and **Thanksgiving Service** are suspended.
 - The **Living Nativity** is scheduled for Sunday, December 19th.
- Included in the **Church in Society/Elijah's** minutes, the following dates have been set:
 - To accommodate for the **Christmas Sale**, Elijah's will be closed November 12 & 13 to free up time for set-up.
 - The **Christmas Sale** will take place Friday / Saturday, November, 19 & 20 as well as Friday/Saturday, November 26 & 27. **Santa** has been contacted and is expected to join us on Friday, November 26.
 - On Saturday, November 20th, in addition to the Christmas Sale we will hold a **Pie Sale** – to include Quiches and Fruit pies. So start making your plans to donate pies for this event.

So as you can see, there is a lot going on. Please be involved so we can be a dynamic entity in our community expressing God's love, hope, and joy.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Below is a tentative list of the vacancies that the Nominating Committee will be filling. Groups generally meet once a month to do the work of the church. Please look at the list of committee needs and prayerfully consider how you may support the church.

Christian Education – 1-2 persons needed

Church in Society – 1-2 persons needed

Deacons – 1-2 persons needed

Trustees – 2-3 persons needed

Moderator – 1 person needed

Historian – 1 person needed

A Note From

Janet

EVERY 500 YEARS

Phyllis Tickle is a Christian writer that is famous for repeating that a reformation of the Church takes place every 500 years. Indeed to some extent that is true. If we examine church history we know that people like Saint Francis, Saint Benedict and even unknown church mystics like Teresa of Avila and John-of-the-Cross were all instrumental in challenging the Church into some type of reform or change, many within that 500 year time range. Of course in 1500 we are aware of the Protestant Reformation of Martin Luther. In all of these so called reforms, they all came from within the Church, not from outside the Church. The question we ask today, however, is: what is **The Church**? We have so many different “Churches” today; is there any one Church from which reformation will evolve? I am a firm believer that we are in the beginning stages of another reformation.

Will it happen by one person being the reformer?

What I actually believe is that this time WE, the family of God, will be the source of reformation.

We are being challenged, within the Trinitarian Christian Churches, to begin the steps of reform and change. We have spent the last 500 years establishing “congregations” that is a people who are free and able to examine Scripture and are able to develop together a Spiritual Body, the continued Body of Christ. WE ARE THE CHURCH. And reform depends on us and the next generations.

Will our Church return to what it was three years ago or even 10 years ago. NO! That time is over, God is now calling us to a new beginning, to a reformation of the Spirit and life of the Family of God. The challenge for us now and our children and our children’s children is to become involved and committed to a “change of heart” and a new Spiritual awareness to lead us closer to the NEW CHURCH!

Are we willing to be reformers or are we only willing to stay the same?

The term “reformed” itself means “to shape again”. So at its simplest, to be Reformed means to be forming the Church into the image Christ teaches in the Bible.